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Applicant : Shuping Tong et al.

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated May 21, 2002, be extended for three months to and including November 21, 2002.

Enclosed is a check for \$460 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00786-287004.

Respectfully submitted,

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